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Butler Protests Gas Increase

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said Friday that recent government-approved wholesale gasoline price increases are handcuffing independent service station operators and will drive many of them out of business.

That, Butler protested in a letter to U.S. Cost of Living Council Chairman John Dunlop, would "reduce competition at the expense of the consumer."

The Roanoke congressman urged Dunlop to immediately investigate wheth-

er recent increases of one cent a gallon by two major oil companies, without local service station operators being allowed to pass those costs on, are legal under Cost-of-Living Council guidelines.

Butler said the increases would cost the small operators about one-seventh of their total operating costs.

"If someone is to be required to make a sacrifice to price controls," he said, "the oil companies are in a better position to do it than the neighborhood service station."

Butler Opposes Tax Surcharge

ROAOKE (AP)—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., Friday said he opposes a possible move by President Nixon to increase the federal income tax.

Butler said his colleagues in Washington believe chances the Nixon administration will push for a 10 per cent income tax surtax "are extremely remote and I am sympathetic with that point of view."

Butler said he campaigned on

a promise to oppose tax increases, and that while sometimes conditions warrant a change of mind, no such condition has occurred.

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Butler Aide Plans Visit To City Area

Jeff S. Gregson, aide to Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, will be in Amherst and Bedford on Tuesday, Sept. 18, to meet with residents wishing to discuss problems with the federal government.

Gregson will be at the Bedford City Hall from 9:30 a.m. until noon and at the Amherst Courthouse from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Ten such meetings are held by Gregson in the district each month. They are in addition to the regular Open Door meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

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**Butler to speak
at Friday event** 9/12/73
World News

Rep. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District will be the principal speaker at the night Friday opening of headquarters for Del. Ray Garland and Dr. Noel C. Taylor, Republican candidates for the House in Roanoke.

Opening ceremonies at the headquarters, 117 W. Church Ave., will begin at 7:30.

Garland and Taylor will join Butler in speaking.

**Rep. Butler to speak
at college graduation**

Rep. Caldwell Butler will be the commencement speaker at Virginia Western Community College's summer graduation exercises Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Roanoke.

Dr. Frank H. VanDyck Jr., pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, will deliver the invocation and benediction. W-N 9-5-73

A reception for the 90 graduates, their guests, and faculty members will be given in the ballroom following commencement exercises.

**Butler will hold
office session**

Rep. Caldwell Butler will be at his Roanoke office tomorrow to meet with any person who wishes to discuss a problem.

The congressman plans to be at his office in room 322 of the Roanoke post office building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Any person who wants a specific appointment for tomorrow may call Mrs. Camilla Crowder at 344-3406 to set a time. W-N 9-26-73

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Butler: 'There is still long way to go on Verona dam'

"There is still a long way to go on the Verona dam," U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told The Staunton News-Leader Saturday night.

A House subcommittee Thursday approved \$1.4 million for planning and engineering funds for the dam, but the bill has a provision which directs a study of alternative methods of getting additional water for the Washington metropolitan area.

While Rep. Butler said the approval by the House Subcommittee on Water Resources must be viewed as approval of the entire project, he noted if an alternative can be found, it could mean the end of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Verona dam project.

This would involve a pilot project to see if waters from the Potomac estuary could be used to supplement the supply, he said, noting the study should be "some comfort to the opponents" of the dam.

But he cautioned dam opponents against too much optimism, saying the subcommittee doesn't believe the study will help much.

"They don't think the other sources of water are going to be apparent," he added.

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According to Rep. Butler, the approval by the subcommittee is not authorization for construction but only for final design. Proceeding with design before authorization for construction is a departure from recent precedent, he said, but it now appears it will be the standard procedure of the committee hereafter, he added.

Rep. Butler told a press conference in Roanoke Friday he doubts the subcommittee paid much attention to an Environmental Protection Agency comment on the dam which said it would form a lake which would eventually be choked with algae and would remove valuable farmland from use. The EPA at first quarreled with the water supply benefits the engineers assigned to the dam but later withdrew these comments, in effect approving this feature, he noted.

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But the Congressman said the opponents are "going to have their day when it comes up for authorization" for money for actual construction.

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Rep. Butler said there is pressure from Washington and Northern Virginia for approval of the two dams and "I judge they (subcommittee members) can't hold the bill up". The \$1.4 million, which will have to be approved by both houses of Congress, is a fraction of what the Verona dam eventually would cost.

Verona dam bill clears hurdle

The Senate Public Works Committee Monday reported out its version of the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Act of 1973 which the House of Representatives passed earlier this year, 6th District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler told the Staunton Leader today.

The bill provides for the final design plan authorization for the proposed Verona dam and for construction in review of a pilot project for purification of waters of the Potomac estuary.

The committee adopted the same procedure as the House introduced in its version: authorization of a final design study by the Corps of Engineers to be returned to Congress for review and a decision on whether to authorize the actual construction of the project.

Rep. Butler said the bill must now pass the full Senate and then face a possible conference with the House. The purpose of the conference would be to settle differences between the versions of the bills passed by the two houses, he said. Since the provision for the Verona dam are the same in both bills, Rep. Butler said, there is no possibility that a conference could directly affect them except to delay final passage of the legislation.

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Butler Promises Aid In Lake Debris Issue

During Monday afternoon's meeting of the Board of Supervisors Chairman H. L. Cooper was called to the phone—long distance call.

He returned to tell his colleagues the caller was Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler in Washington, who said he would work with Fifth District Rep. W. C. (Dan) Daniel to clear up misunderstanding over federal funds for clearing Smith Mountain Lake of the debris washed down by hurricane Agnes in May of last year.

The Army Corps of Engineers first had undertaken to reimburse Bedford and Franklin Counties for the full amount of the \$119,500 contract they had made with a North Carolina firm for this job. But after an inspection late this spring the corps said it found the job not satisfactorily done and would approve only 80 per cent reimbursement.

However, it developed that this latest inspection was made after more heavy rains this spring had washed more debris into the lake and that actually the contractor had done a bigger job than contracted for.

The lake clearance problem has concerned the Reservoirs Committee, of which Mr. Cooper is a Bedford County member. It was discussed at the committee's August meeting at Pen Hook, where Duncan Kennedy, Appalachian Power Company's Roanoke manager, informed the committee his firm had used two big front loaders to help with the clearance.

The committee is meeting again this Wednesday night at the Terrace House Inn and the subject probably will be discussed further then.

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A curious move on Verona dam

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R, of this 6th Va. district, thinks the House of Representatives is on the verge of adopting a new procedure for public works such as the proposed Verona dam in Augusta County. If it passes a bill introduced this week authorizing preparation of final designs for the dam, as he expects, Rep. Butler thinks this will become regular practice.

This would be a curious departure from general procedure for maturing a construction project by business, industry or for public works. The needed steps are well standardized.

The bill pertaining to Verona dam was introduced by Rep. Ray Roberts, D-Tex., and Rep. Don H. Clausen, R-Calif. Roberts is chairman of a subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee, Clausen the ranking minority member. Their bill would put the government to the heavy expense of preparing the final design for a structure which it or the Senate may finally reject.

Just what is the strategy of the two MCs for moving along with the this project? On its face it is an odd move, but the ways of Congressmen are sometimes devious. That the House can be prevailed upon to approve spending for a final design when it hasn't authorized the dam seems incredible, but the move may be primarily for the purpose of convincing Washington organizations which are demanding action on the dam that it is going through.

How members of the Senate

Public Works Committee figure in this maneuver has not been developed. If they go along with it, the upper house would be much nearer to final approval.

Another curious aspect of the situation is that the Secretary of the Army has yet to submit the dam project to Congress. The whole Potomac plan is routed through this official because it is the product of a study of the Potomac River Basin Congress in 1956 directed the Corps of Engineers to make. It took five years to make the study, following which there has been a continuous controversy over the engineers' recommendations. Under the reviewing process they have been revised from time to time.

Last year the Public Works Committees directed the engineers to make a new study of the Verona project and to report in June of this year, in time for their action in July. The new recommendations had to go through the usual review procedures of the C. of E., and the Congressional committees are still waiting.

Thus the chance that these dams would be given final approval in an omnibus public works bill for this fiscal year, soon after its beginning on July 1, has vanished. Rep. Butler has advised The Leader that he does not believe the Verona dam will be authorized at this session of Congress.

Authorization of final design would express a tacit intent to approve the Verona dam, but a majority of either house could refuse authorization.

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Butler urges flood control support

Rep. Caldwell Butler said today that backers of a Buena Vista flood control project "ought to be encouraged," but he thought the proposed Hipes Dam has been given a definite setback.

Butler said he didn't think

the Hipes Dam is exactly dead, but he doesn't think it is too well, either.

At best, said the congressman, Hipes will be delayed by action taken by a House of Representatives subcommittee.

That subcommittee has taken the dam out of water resources legislation now in Congress. The dam, which has been the subject of much debate, would cost \$25 million. It would be built in Botetourt County, but would flood parts of both that county and neighboring Craig.

Butler said he thought the subcommittee's action reflects "hostility" within that body.

But Butler showed optimism over the Buena Vista project, which is scheduled to cost something over \$11 million.

The subcommittee that knocked out Hipes has approved legislation that would give \$665,000 to the Buena Vista project. This is planning money, he explained. Construction money would come later, he said.

Under that project, a series of levies would be built on the Maury River to stop the flooding that has plagued the Buena Vista area. Such flooding was particularly devastating following Hurricane Agnes in 1969.

The Buena Vista project, said Butler, is "badly needed . . . it's overdue." He said he's 100% behind it.

The House subcommittee also gave money for another Virginia project — the Verona Dam.

Verona, together with a dam in Maryland, would impound water for use by Washington area people and also for those in the Augusta-Staunton-Waynesboro area.

The subcommittee approved \$1.4 million in planning money for this project.

Butler said he didn't regard this project as home free because some people oppose it and he doesn't know if they have fully had their say.

"There's still a long way to go on Verona," said Butler. He said he has taken no position on Hipes or Verona because he is not qualified to make an engineering decision.

House subcommittee approval is the first step in ap-

proval of projects, but Butler said he regards it as an important one. To become effective, legislation approved by the subcommittee must get the full committee's approval and then full House and Senate approval.

In other comments today, the 6th District congressman said:

★ He does not favor a 10 per cent tax surcharge. There has been speculation that President Nixon might ask for this. He called chances of a surcharge tax being approved by the House "extremely remote."

★ He thinks a better way ought to be found of handling annexation than Virginia now has.

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BV Flood Job Inches Forward

The House subcommittee on water resources has approved authorization of \$665,000 in planning funds for the Buena Vista flood control project.

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler has expressed optimism over the success of the public works bill including the Buena Vista project. The bill has cleared the House and is expected to go through the full House committee this week and be on the floor of the House next week.

At a press conference Friday Butler said the project is badly needed and he is "100 per cent behind it."

Congress has changed its policy for funding projects of the Corps of Engineers. In the past it has approved planning and construction money as a total lump sum. Now the planning and construction monies will be appropriated in separate actions.

An aide in Butler's office said the planning for the project is now only being authorized and funds have not yet been appropriated.

The Corps of Engineers would use the \$665,000 to draw up a final design plan for the

project and will bring this to the committee for their approval of construction funds.

The Buena Vista project was originally estimated to cost \$11.7 million for both planning and construction. After passing Congress it must still be approved by President Nixon.

The plans call for two earth levees, the first beginning just west of Factory Street, inland of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad tracks, and following the course of the Maury River to the vicinity of the Reeves Bros. plant near 14th Street.

A 900-foot concrete retaining wall would begin there and another earthen levee would begin approximately 600 feet west of the Tenth Street Bridge and would extend almost another mile toward the south.

Also involved in the plan is a widening and improvement of the Maury River channel from the region of the lower end of Factory Street down to 19th Street.

The city of Buena Vista would have to bear costs for property and right-of-way acquisition and relocation of utilities.

Flood Control Bill Advances

Buena Vista's proposed flood control bill took another positive step forward when the House of Representatives subcommittee on public works recommended authorization of funds for a study to be made of the proposed plan.

According to M Caldwell Butler, sixth Congressional district representative, the Buena Vista flood control plan received a boost toward

its final approval, when the subcommittee recommended appropriation of \$665,000 for a final design study for the proposed plan Friday morning, Sept. 14.

The funds will go to the Army Corps of Engineers who will expend the money for the study. According to spokesman for the Corps, the funds will take more than a year to expend and will be available during the next session of Congress.

In past matters relating to funding of this kind, the recommendation of the subcommittee is usually accepted by the committee who in turn recommends it to the entire Congress. Usually as a matter of course, the Congress accepts the recommendations and approves the recommended appropriation.

Under normal procedures, this step indicates additional funding could be forthcoming for the final project. Buena Vista's proposed plan includes more than \$11 million for a flood control wall, widening and deepening of the channel and improvements to the flood plain.

Plans for the City's flood control project have been in the making for several years, following the flooding in 1969 after Hurricane Camille. Progress on the proposal has been stalled recently because of lack of Congressional action during Watergate hearings in Washington, D. C.

Local flood control committee members and interested citizens have made a number of trips to the Capitol in an effort to produce positive action on the project. At this point, approval of the initial project has been granted although the project has been awaiting final funding authorization from the Office of Management and Budget.

The grant by the House subcommittee provides additional impetus for the project and officials are confident further funds and action will be forthcoming.

Buena Vista Mayor Shuler A. Kizer, one of the men who has attended hearings in Washington, said the action by the subcommittee was "greatly encouraging." He explained that such action shows the committee is working toward final approval of the local project.

"We hope that such action is indicative that final funding will be forthcoming," said Kizer.

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Conference participants announced

A business development conference will be held 9:30 a.m. Oct. 12. at Ingleside.

The meeting is sponsored by U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler in cooperation with the Richmond District Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Staunton-Augusta County Chamber of Commerce will host the event which is designed to provide an opportunity for the businessmen of the area "to explore the many services available to business through both federal and state government", Rep. Butler said.

Speakers will include:

Braxton Green, president of the local Chamber; Weldon W. Tuck, director of the Richmond office of the Department of Commerce; Richard H. Goodling, state director of the Farmers Home Administration; Thomas F. Regan, district director of the Small Business Administration;

Also, Guy H. Kissinger Jr., deputy director of the Virginia Division of Industrial Development; Carroll A. Mason, area director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Marshall E. Murdaugh, commissioner of the Virginia Travel Service.

Rep. Butler will speak at a 1 p.m. luncheon.

Conference Planned For Business Leaders

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The federal agencies participating in the conference will include the Small Business Administration, Farmers Home Administration and the Department of Housing & Urban Development. State agencies participating will be the Virginia Division of Industrial Development and the Virginia State Travel Service. The list of speakers for the program will be announced at a later date.

While the conference will primarily interest businessmen and businesswomen, anyone is welcome to participate. Those interested in attending

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By WAYNE WOODLIEF
Washington Bureau

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"The problem is bigger than Agnew," said Butler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee that could be selected to handle an Agnew probe if the House leadership approves one.

Butler, a lawyer, said the House should act in the national interest "to make sure that we have standing in the wings (as a potential president) a man who is free of clouds and capable of becoming president."

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But, Preyer said, "this is the time to take the high road and look at the national interest. I think the national interest is to get this thing over, get it resolved.

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Butler said he doubts the House Democratic leadership will approve the "hot potato" Agnew investigation, but added "Given a chance to vote on it, I'd say we ought to accede to his request. I think Agnew has done the right and courageous thing, and the House should rise to it."

Butler said an investigation should be "diligently, aggressively and objectively explored" by the House, which then "should act on the facts as they are revealed."

If the facts clear Agnew, he said, clouds would be removed from a potential presidential successor. If the facts show otherwise, Butler believes pressures for Agnew's resignation and nomination of a successor would become irresistible.

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GEORGE K. KENIEN, International Director of Lions Clubs, was greeted at Woodrum Airport Friday by Congressman Caldwell Butler, as the director arrived to speak to the annual District 24-E Fall Conference in Blacksburg. He was also presented a key to the city by Roanoke mayor Roy Webber.

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Virginia School Aid Cut \$3.8 Million by Congress

By JACK BETTS
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Six Virginia congressmen voted to cut the state's federal education funds by \$3.8 million Tuesday as the House passed 286-94 a measure changing the way funds are distributed.

The vote came on a continuing resolution to tide over labor and education programs until the House Education Committee can report its regular education authorization bill.

The six supported Minnesota Republican Albert Quie's amendment cutting funds apportioned for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act, which provides funds for disadvantaged children. The bill not only cuts current appropriations by 15 per cent in most

southeastern states but, because of population shifts, actually provides more money to those areas which have gained population.

Those who supported Quie's amendment were Republicans Joel Broyhill, Arlington; M. Caldwell Butler, Roanoke; R. W. Daniel, Spring Grove; J. Kenneth Robinson, Winchester; Stanford Parris, Springfield, and Democrat Dan Daniel, of Danville.

Last year, Virginia received \$34.4 million for the Title I program.

The states which would gain the most under the new formula are New York, up \$74.3 million, and California, up \$45.2 million. The losers include North Carolina, \$6.4 million; West Virginia, \$2.3 million; Kentucky, \$4.1 million; Tennessee, \$4.2 million. In the south only Florida would gain funds.

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Staunton Conference Set On Business Development

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**Butler sets
city visit
on Friday** *p. 17 B*

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will hold an "open door" meeting with constituents beginning at 10 a.m. Friday in his Lynchburg office in Room 313 of the Post Office Building.

A spokesman in Butler's Washington office said Congress will not be in session Thursday and Friday because of a Jewish holiday.

Persons wanting to obtain an appointment with Butler on Friday may do so by calling his office manager, Mrs. Hilda DeWitt, at 845-1378.

Appointments are not mandatory, however, and Butler will be at his Lynchburg office most of the day.

Persons having problems with the federal government are asked by Butler to bring all necessary information with them including their Social Security and VA numbers.

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Visit Today
In Lynchburg**

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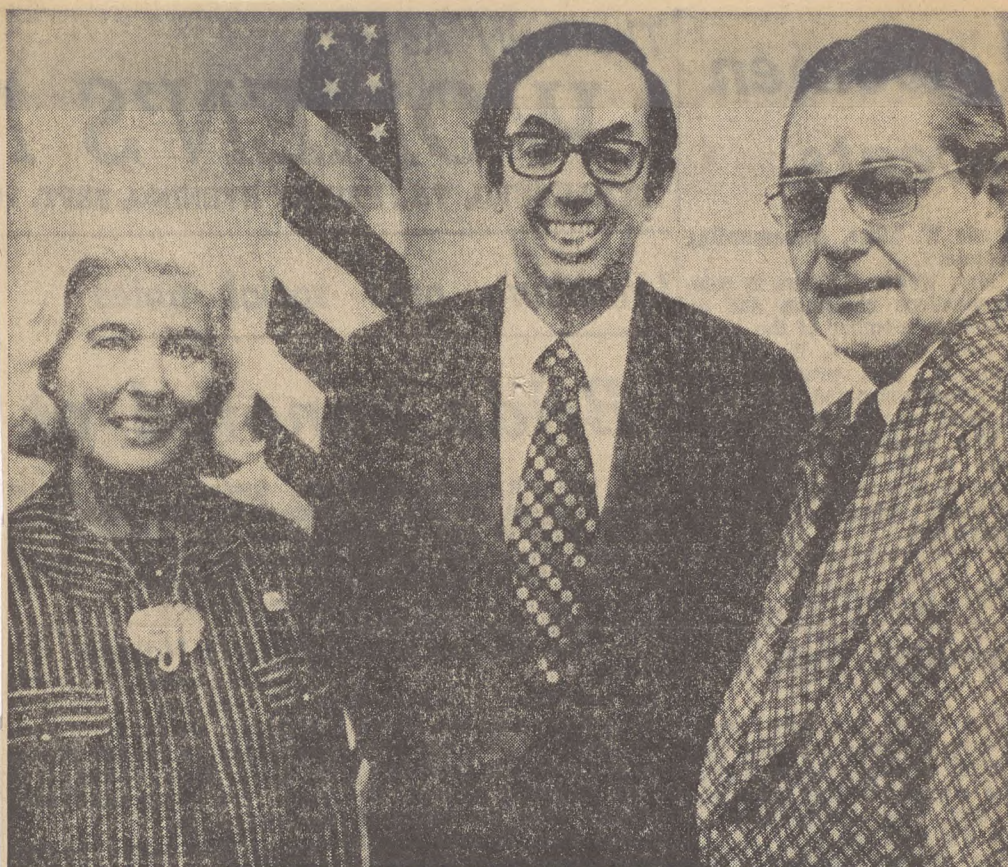
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Butler greets visitors

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, center, talks with Mrs. William M. Dudley, whose husband is seeking re-election to the House of Delegates from The 11th District, and Attorney Robert C. Watts Jr. who is Dudley's running mate. The two candidates are seeking election on the Republican ticket. The talk took place during today's Open Door meeting held by Butler in his Lynchburg office in Room 313 of the Post Office Building.

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Gregson will be here Tuesday to hear citizens

Clifton
Forge
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Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative Jeff S. Gregson will be in the Clifton Forge Courthouse Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 2-5 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of 10 monthly meetings Mr. Gregson holds in the district.

He will return to Clifton Forge on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a nonscheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the Gregson visits to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Gregson will have a tape recorder for use by persons desiring to record personal messages to Rep. Butler, who will respond directly.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with him should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and social security numbers.

Since the Congress does not legislate over schools, highway construction projects,

drivers licenses, and state and local court decisions, Mr. Gregson will be unable to discuss these matters.

Representative of Butler will meet with residents

U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative Jeff S. Gregson will be in City Council Chambers of Staunton City Hall October 10, from 9 a.m.-noon to meet with residents wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting is one of 10 monthly meetings Mr. Gregson holds in the district.

He will return to Staunton on the second Wednesday morning of each month.

Area Visit Set By Butler Aide

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Business Development Conference speakers named

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The conference is being co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the Staunton-Augusta County Chamber of Commerce, and the Richmond

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Speakers announced today who will participate in the Conference are Thomas F.

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Rep. Butler will be featured speaker at the luncheon

following the meeting. Weldon W. Tuck, director of the Richmond Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, will preside.

The purpose of the conference is to acquaint the businessmen and women of the 6th District with some of the programs and services available to them from state and federal governmental agencies.

The conference is open to the public.

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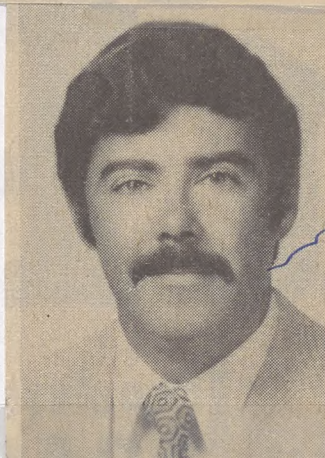
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Rep. Butler charges

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wasteful procedures

U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler charged that "unbusinesslike and wasteful procedures of Congress are producing a confusing situation with government projects affecting millions of citizens".

Writing in the October issue of his "Washington Report", the 6th District Congressman took issue with congressional action on the budget saying: "It failed to get the budget together in time to give meaningful direction to the operation of the government."

Representative Butler said that by failing to pass nine of 13 appropriations bills four months into the fiscal year, Congress has been forced to adopt a continuing resolution which allows the government, in the absence of a new appropriation, to continue to operate at relatively last year's budget level.

A major shortcoming of this is its effect upon distribution of funds for aid to disadvantaged children under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. He said that census figures not available until recently will change the amount of money each state and school district is entitled to receive under this legislation.

"First Continuing Resolution of 1973 provided that no state should receive less in Title I funds than it received last year. Unfortunately this created an unanticipated problem in the allocation of funds to various localities within a given state — resulting in an increased distribution of Title II funds to localities with the least percentage of disadvantaged children."

He added that prosperous Fairfax County would have jumped from \$466,000 to \$1,300,000, "at the expense of other Virginia localities, many in western and central Virginia". He said that many

school boards in the 6th District now in the second month of their school year do not know with certainty how much, if any, Title I funds will be available to them for the school year because there is no assurance it will be included in final actions by the department's appropriations bill.

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Butler Hits Slow Congress Action

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Butler took issue with congressional action on the budget, saying it failed to get the budgeted together in time to give meaningful direction to the operation of the government.

By failing to pass nine of 13 major appropriations bills four months into the fiscal year, the Republican said, Congress has been forced to adopt a continuing resolution, which allows the government, in the absence of a new appropriation, to continue to operate at about the same budget level as last year.

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**Butler to talk *10/11/73*
with women voters**

The financial aspect of election reform will be discussed by Rep. Caldwell Butler Friday night in a television appearance with the Roanoke area League of Women Voters.

The program will be on WBRA-TV, Ch. 15, at 10 p.m. Butler served on the House Republican task force on election reform.

The Honorable Caldwell Butler
**Botetourt GOP *10/14/73*
Plans Ham Dinner**

The Botetourt County Republican Party will hold their annual Country Ham Dinner, Saturday, October 13, at 7 p.m., at Lord Botetourt High School. Tickets will be \$7.50 for adults, children under 12, \$5. They may be purchased by calling any of the following members: John Rader, 992-1531; Mrs. Robert Omer, 992-2997, or Harold Wingate, 992-2107.

Guest speaker will be The Honorable Caldwell Butler, Congressman of the Sixth District. Everyone is invited to attend and meet their Congressman and candidate for the House of Delegates, Harold Wingate.

6th District ✓ business meet set Oct. 12

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and women from throughout the
Sixth Congressional District are
expected to attend a Business
Development Conference at the
Ingleside Motel on Friday, Oct.
12.

The conference, which will get
under way at 10 a.m., is being
co-sponsored by Sixth District
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Immediately following the conference, Butler will address a luncheon meeting. Both the conference and luncheon are open to the public.

Butler hits Congress for inaction on budget

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Butler said that Fairfax County would have jumped from \$466,000 to \$1.3 million in Title I funds at the expense of other Virginia localities, many in western and central Virginia.

The House, in a second continuing resolution, fought the measure by providing that no school district could be cut to less than 85 per cent of last year's allocation.

Butler said it is uncertain whether this change will be included in the final action of the appropriations bill.

And, he noted, many school boards now in the second month of their school year do not know with certainty how much, if any, Title I funds will be available to them for the school year.

"And this problem," he said, "in one way or another confronts every federal agency operating under a continuing resolution."

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Congress

Assailed

By Butler

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has been conducting itself in an unbusinesslike and wasteful manner, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia says, and as a result it has produced a confusing situation.

The 6th District Republican said congressional action on the budget was slow in coming.

Butler said Congress failed to pass nine of 13 major appropriations bills four months into the fiscal year and thus was forced to adopt a continuing resolution which allows the government, in the absence of a new appropriation, to continue to operate at about the same budget level as last year.

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Butler said that while Fairfax County would have jumped from \$466,000 to \$1.3 million in Title I funds, other counties such as those in western and central Virginia would have been forced to foot the bill.

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Republicans endorsed by Butler

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Republican, has endorsed the two GOP candidates for the two 11th District seats in the House of Delegates.

The two candidates are Del. William M. Dudley, a former Democrat, and attorney Robert C. Watts Jr., both of Lynchburg.

Dudley and Watts are opposed by two Democrats—Del. Donald G. Pendleton of Amherst, and Mrs. Joan S. Jones of Lynchburg.

The 11th District includes the City of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst and Nelson.

Butler said his association with Dudley "over many years in the General Assembly has convinced me of his integrity, ability and sincere interest in his job.

"His reelection will insure the people of Lynchburg, Amherst and Nelson of a strong and influential voice in Richmond," he added.

"While my personal association with Bobby Watts is of shorter duration," Butler said, "I have known of his interest in public affairs and of his unselfish contributions to the greater good of the community for many years.

"He is a very knowledgeable person of unusual charm and ability. He would be a refreshing addition to the House of Delegates and an excellent representative of the people in Lynchburg, Amherst and Nelson," Butler added.

Butler scores federal spending

WASHINGTON—Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler says he remains convinced that "the greatest single factor contributing to our inflation today is excessive federal spending."

At the same time, the congressman charged that "one of the principle reasons" for excessive federal spending is "the failure of Congress to get the budget together in time to give meaningful direction to the operation of the government."

Butler said "Responsibility for this shortcoming in budget procedure rests clearly with the Congressional leadership which simply is not doing its job in this regard."

Noting that "There are many facets in the continuing conflict between the legislative and executive branches," Butler said "it is with poor grace that the Congress protests the usurpation of its authority while falling so short of this constitutional responsibility."

Butler pointed out in his latest newsletter that as of July 1, 1973—the first day of the fiscal year of 1974—not a single appropriations bill for the current fiscal year had been enacted into law.

Butler then gave the status of the 13 appropriations bills for fiscal year 1974 as of Oct. 1, 1973. Those statistics showed that only three of the 13 had been signed into law. Five major appropriations bills passed separately by the House and the Senate lingered in Conference Committee where differences between the two Houses prevent final passage.

The vital Labor-HEW appropriation which had passed the House still remained in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the major Defense, Foreign Aid, and Military Construction appropriations bills were still languishing in the Appropriations Committee of the House. The President had not signed the Interior Appropriations Bill on his desk.

Butler said the failure to enact

appropriations bills presents no great problem for the Congress as it long ago learned to "cover itself with a Continuing Resolution pending final enactment of the appropriations bills."

The congressman called a Continuing Resolution, which authorizes each government department, in the absence of

a new appropriation, to continue to operate, "a make-shift way to operate" at best.

Butler said, however, that the continuing resolution passed by the Congress on July 1, 1973, and signed by the President, expired as of Sept. 30.

Butler said this left the federal government without

even the crutch of a Continuing Resolution.

"Although the House of Representatives passed a second Continuing Resolution on Sept. 25, the Senate has not yet acted," Butler stated. "Have no fear, however; differences will be resolved before the next payroll is due. A second Continuing Resolution will extend the operation of government for at least 60 days; and we may reasonably anticipate that another Continuing Resolution will be enacted thereafter and prior to adjournment."

The congressman said it is difficult to understand why the Congress can not get the business of agreeing upon a budget concluded in the six months of session prior to the beginning of a fiscal year. He said this is "most unbusinesslike, wasteful, expensive and irresponsible, and can not do anything but contribute to the increasing frustration of dedicated public employees and to uncertainty in government projects and allocations affecting millions of lives."

State officials profess shock

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at Agnew's resignation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public officials in Virginia have reacted with shock to the unexpected resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, and most say they would like to see President Nixon nominate a strong successor.

Republican Gov. Linwood Holton said he believed Congress should confirm "whomever President Nixon suggests" to fill the vice presidential void.

"I don't think the responsible leadership of Congress should block the President's nominee," the governor said.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-6th District, said he thought Agnew's action was "somewhat courageous on his part to do this, since it represents the national interests . . . I hope Congress will rise above politics in considering his successor."

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, R-7th, had this reaction to the resignation:

"I am shocked at Mr. Agnew's admission of guilt of income tax evasion...I am personally distressed as are his millions of other supporters who now find themselves disillusioned to suddenly learn that a man who did and said so much of which I approved had skeletons in his political closet. Now we must seek a successor who can ... re-establish the proper image of that of the second highest ranking office in our land."

Independent U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. said he was "distressed" at the news of Agnew's resignation and said he hoped Nixon "will act quickly" to nominate a replacement.

Republican U. S. Sen. William L. Scott said he had "no suggestion to make to the President" on a suitable nominee for vice president, but that it should not be "something that's decided on the spur of the moment."

"We ought to give sober reflection on who should replace Mr. Agnew," Scott said.

As for Agnew's resignation, Scott said:

"I have no brief for falsifying income tax returns at all. I think that except for this revelation...I have nothing but the highest regard for the vice president. I'm shocked to hear this."

Rep. William C. Wampler, R-9th, calling the resignation "one of the sad experiences of American politics," said he hoped President Nixon would "submit a nomination at the earliest practical moment ... permitting all of us to direct our best efforts toward solving the many domestic and international problems confronting us at this time."

Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, D-5th, called the resignation "disillusioning" and said the action "will cause a further dilution of confidence in our political system, but it must not be allowed to reflect unfavorably on other public officials..."

State Republican Chairman Richard D. Obenshain said it was "a very sad day, indeed, for the country."

"I can only regard his resignation and his plea of *nolo contendere* in the case as an unparalleled tragedy in the country," Obenshain said.

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Besides the tax evasion charge to which he pleaded no contest, the vice president also has been facing a grand jury investigation of allega-

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TO ATTEND — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will attend the Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 20. Rep. Butler, accompanied by his wife, will attend the first annual pigroast in Smith Creek Park beginning at 1 p.m. and will tour the various craft and gun shows during the afternoon.

Bill Provision To Be Deleted, Asserts Butler

WASHINGTON—Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler announced Friday, "Many employees of several industries in the Sixth District, including Sears, Allstate and Burlington Industries, have written me expressing their concern on a recent Senate amendment to pension reform legislation furiously limiting the amount of employer contribution.

"I am pleased to announce that on Thursday the House Ways and Means Committee agreed to delete this Senate provision of the omnibus pension reform bill.

"While action by the full House of Representatives will be necessary to effectively accomplish this result, the prestige of the house committee is such that I confidently predict that this particular Senate proposal will be deleted before final passage of the pension reform legislation."

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Democrats, Republicans have mingled words following Agnew's resignation

By Associated Press

Democratic and Republican leaders around the country mingled words of praise and sadness as they tried to absorb the news that Spiro Agnew had resigned and pleaded no contest to one count of income tax evasion.

Many speculated on a successor and expressed the hope that a bitter partisan battle can be avoided. One expressing an opinion was former GOP presidential contender, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. Rockefeller said the resignation was "a great personal tragedy and a tragedy for the nation."

The reactions across the United States ranged from sadness to elation, disappointment to admiration, boredom to intense concern about what direction the government now should take. One Kansas City man called the news "disgusting" and added, "I just hope it works out, somehow."

Leaders stunned

Virginia's political leaders of both parties generally were stunned by the resignation of Agnew yesterday.

While all acknowledged they knew about the vice president's predicament of recent weeks, many said they did not expect yesterday's development.

One of the first to lend his official reaction to Agnew's resignation was Gov. Linwood Holton, who had given Agnew his vote of confidence just a few weeks before.

Holton said he was sorry to hear of the vice president's decision to resign from office.

Holton issued

Holton said Congress should appoint whomever the President suggests. Holton said he did not think the responsible leadership of Congress should block the President's nominee. Holton said he first heard of the vice president's resignation through a phone call from the vice president's office in

Washington.

Lt. Gov. Henry Howell said the nation must look to the future now that Agnew has resigned.

He said officials must unite this country and heal the wounds that have occurred and move forward.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Mills Godwin said that he regretted the circumstances which led to Agnew's resignation.

Godwin, a former governor, added that the erosion of public confidence in high government officials is much to be deplored.

He said this is an unfortunate time for the U.S. However, Godwin said he knew that the President and the Congress have the support of the people of Virginia as they take whatever action is in the best interests of the nation.

Independent U.S. Sen. Harry Byrd Jr. said yesterday's development was a distressing one. He said he hopes Nixon will act quickly to nominate a new vice president, who then must be confirmed by Congress.

Republican Congressman Caldwell Butler said: "I have not put out any formal statement, but I'm shocked, surprised and saddened by the situation, of course, and its effect on his family."

Butler said he met yesterday morning with Agnew's strongest supporters and they had no inkling of what was to happen. He said that in view of the clouds over Agnew's head and the extent of litigation, as shown by the extent of the evidence apparently against him, he thought it somewhat courageous on Agnew's part to resign, since it represents the national interest.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS at today's Business Development Conference at Ingleside Hotel are greeted by Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (second from left). With him are (from left) Richard A. Goodling, director of the Farmers

Home Administration in Virginia; Carroll A. Mason, head of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Virginia; and Weldon W. Tuck, director of the Richmond office of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

(N-V Photo by Hodges)

Staunton, Va., Leader, Friday, Oct. 12, 1973 16

Butler hopes Nixon makes speedy decision

The Middle East war and the resignation of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew helped cut short the stay of U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler in Staunton this morning.

Rep. Butler was to have been the luncheon speaker for the Business Development Conference being held at Ingleside. The events of the past week on the world scene and in Washington served to delay the work of Congress, requiring him to return early, he related.

He spoke briefly to the conference in opening remarks. The Agnew resignation was not to be left out. Rep. Butler said that he hoped President Nixon would not delay in making known his nomination.

During a press conference following his talk with the businessmen, he said he did not feel there was any danger in naming and approving a vice president as soon as possible.

Rep. Butler noted he felt that all of the

men being considered by the President are well-known and have "been considered before for offices with the government". Rep. Butler said he did not feel that Congress should go on a "witch hunt" when considering the man finally selected by the President.

The resignation of Agnew was a "courageous move", he added because Agnew is a "fighter, good counter puncher and his natural inclination would be to fight it out".

The Republican party is purging itself as corruption comes to its attention, he said. He added that he felt the party would do all it could to find corruption and punish it "swiftly and strongly".

Rep. Butler did not care "to psychoanalyze" Agnew and would not offer any speculation on why there was a delay in the resignation. He did say he felt it was in

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the national interest and that Agnew acted out of concern for the office and the country.

Rep. Butler would not speculate on a replacement. He did not care to say whom he would or couldn't support. The nominee, Rep. Butler said, "would have very strong identification with the

Republican party".

During his conference with the press, Rep. Butler touched on the Verona dam, saying that he felt he was inclined to support the view that it was necessary for a Staunton - Augusta County - Waynesboro supply of water, but that the final decision would be made in Congress.

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Butler Sees Early V-P Confirmation

By N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler declined this morning to identify his personal choice as successor to Spiro Agnew, but he predicted an early confirmation of President Nixon's selection.

"It is my intention," he said, "to support the President's nominee if at all possible."

Mr. Butler spoke briefly at the opening of his Business Development Conference here, then answered questions from the press before flying back to Washington. He had been scheduled to address today's luncheon session at Ingleside Hotel, but told the approximately 80 business leaders

present that congressional business would not permit him to remain.

"I can't say how extensive the confirmation hearings will be," the legislator said, "but I would not anticipate that Congress will spend a lot of time." The nominee, whom Mr. Butler expects to be named no later than early next week, will be screened by the House Judiciary Committee of which he is a member.

"It would be a serious mistake," he declared, "for Mr. Nixon to delay his decision beyond early next week. Congress has been completely diverted and is in a state of

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Lynchburgers voice surprise over Agnew

Butler mentioned

By MARGARET CHABRIS

Most Lynchburgers interviewed today expressed surprise as their reaction to Spiro T. Agnew's announced resignation as vice president.

However, they felt Agnew did the right thing for himself and the country in resigning rather than face prolonged court trials that would drag on as the Watergate scandal has.

Few doubt that he is guilty of some charges but feel his misconduct was a part of his past.

B.Y. Calvert Jr. of 3214 Downing Drive said, "I was surprised at his resignation. Nixon needs to put in a strong person, not a patsy, but one who could take over if something were to happen to the President.

Calvert and others would like to see former Texas governor John B. Connally as Agnew's replacement.

In any case, Lynchburg citizens recognize the need for a strong number two man. W. L. Stables of 1116 Laxton Road and Ann Crews of 1004 Court St. were among those who said Nixon and the Congress must put in a man who is straightforward and honest.

"A man of his caliber and position in the government should have resigned," said Henry Turner of 209 McWane Circle. "I would like to see Connally in, but what his past is, I don't know."

Sympathy for Agnew was divided. Some felt he was a scapegoat and others were much harsher on the former vice president.

Linda Trent of 58 Whitestone Drive said, "I really think that Agnew was set up," Rickie Trent of 2924 Link Road believes that the charges were trumped-up.

"I would have liked to see him stay in," said Trent, "and I would have voted for him if he had run for president."

But Mrs. Charles Werner of Rt. 2, Evington was glad about the resignation.

"I think it's great and about time he resigned," said Mrs. Werner. "He deserves it and Nixon is next."

C. C. Yu of 179 Holmes Circle shook his head and said, "It's a sad thing for this country, but at least Agnew will make history."

Stockbroker Wills Hancock found the sudden resignation

hard to believe but thinks the market may go up as a result.

Mrs. Owen Marshall of 2470 Rivermont Ave. said she was not an Agnew fan but the circumstances under which Agnew resigned were unfortunate. The wife of a Randolph-Macon Woman's College faculty member, Mrs. Marshall feels that Agnew made a deal for himself and got off pretty easy. She was surprised that his case did not drag on but that he did expedite matters with his resignation.

"I wouldn't want to be in his shoes," said Mrs. James Tankersley of 2002 Cleveland Ave. "I think it was awfully smart of him not to contest the tax evasion charge. If he had stayed in office he would have a lot more to face."

Most of those interviewed were aware that this is the second vice presidential resignation in our history because of the recent news coverage given to Agnew's case.

In 1832 Republican John C. Calhoun resigned from his office but under quite different circumstances. He left his post to serve as a United States senator.

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Downing said he had expected Agnew "to stick to his guns and go through the courts."

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Wayne Lustig, 2nd District Republican chairman, said he did not foresee that Agnew's resignation would adversely affect Godwin's race for governor, although its combination with Watergate "will probably turn off a lot of people on elections, though it shouldn't."

Fourth District GOP Chairman Willard Forbes of Portsmouth said he feared Agnew's action might discourage Republican workers in the state working for Godwin's election.

But Forbes added, "This is not a time to quit, it's a time to work harder."

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Del. A. R. "Pete" Giesen, minority leader in the House of Delegates, said he didn't think the resignation would affect Virginia political races "except as it affects the total picture...The incident bruises the body politic."

Area businessmen told government can help them

The invasion of government into our lives today causes us to lose sight of the fact government can also be a great help, said U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler Friday in his opening remarks to the Business Development Conference at Ingleside.

The conference had been set up by Rep. Butler's office in cooperation with the Richmond District office of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Hosting the meeting was the Staunton-Augusta County Chamber of Commerce.

More than 100 business and local government leaders gathered for the conference. They heard from representatives of federal and state governmental offices.

Rep. Butler was to have addressed the luncheon following the meeting; however, the press of business in the Capitol cut short his stay. He did open the meeting with some brief remarks before flying back to Washington.

He pointed to the problem of supply as a major negative factor in business. He said that in the area of wage controls it was mostly a voluntary situation and that controls on imports and exports have been "substantially eliminated".

Price controls, said the Representative, seem to be the real area of concern. He added that the feeling of Congress was to abandon them, but the administration feels differently. A gradual lessening of controls are seen by Rep. Butler.

Following opening remarks, the businessmen heard from Richard H. Goodling, state director, Farmers Home Administration; Thomas F. Regan, district director, Small Business Administration; Guy H. Kissinger Jr., deputy director, Virginia Division of Industrial Development; Carroll A. Mason, area director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Marshall E.

Murdaugh, commissioner, Virginia State Travel Service.

Mr. Regan spoke of the place small business have in the United States. He said that 97 per cent of the eight million businesses are considered small businesses.

Virginia has 64,000 businesses, 62,000 of which are in the small business category, said Mr. Regan. He told the group that when small businesses in a community begin to lag, the whole community is in trouble.

The SBA offers financial assistance through loans and counseling, Mr. Regan noted. It also helped generate \$600 million in government business in Virginia in 1972.

The problems of attracting additional industries to the state and to various communities were discussed by Mr. Kissinger. He told the group that more and more industries cannot and will not take promises of zoning changes or things like sewage facilities, but need proof of action before moving.

Mr. Kissinger said that the problem of choosing the wrong site could cause a company "to lose its shirt" and is bad for the state of Virginia if the company fails.

The participants in the conference were urged by Mr. Kissinger to let his office know of any business that may be considering a move. He said that he has nine men available in his office who are professionally able to go out and promote Virginia as a good area for business or industrial location.

Mr. Murdaugh spoke of the revenue generated by tourism in the state. His office, which is famous for the "Virginia is for lovers" slogan, has completed a study that indicates \$997 million was spent by tourists in Virginia in 1972. He said this meant \$8.8 million was spent in retail sales.

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Butler Says President Has a Job for Gov. Holton

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DALEVILLE — Rep. Caldwell Butler told Botetourt County Republicans Saturday night of his expectation of a Virginian for vice president and hinted the President may have another job for Gov. Linwood Holton.

Speaking to more than 200 persons at Lord Botetourt

High School, Butler described the aftermath of President Nixon's Friday night nomination of Rep. Gerald Ford for vice president.

Nixon, knowing Butler and Holton are former Roanoke law partners, jokingly asked them what they were doing coming down the White House receiving line together.

"I said I came for the unveiling and Linwood came looking for a job," Butler told the audience.

Butler said the President replied that he had a job for Holton and the two of them (Nixon and Holton) fell into conversation. He quipped that he couldn't overhear a word "and it made me very angry."

He told how earlier in the day he had rising hopes that the Virginia governor would become the vice presidential nominee.

Only congressmen of four terms or more were invited to the White House announcement, Butler said, and he made a reservation to return to Roanoke in the early evening.

Then he was told that Holton had been invited to come to the White House for the announcement. Butler said he and 7th Dist. Rep. Kenneth Robinson were both invited at 6 p.m. and they discovered the entire Virginia delegation had been requested to be on hand.

A little investigation turned up the fact that not every

congressman had been invited from Michigan, home state of Ford, and his hopes rose. Butler said he started getting phone calls from the national press seeking facts about Holton.

When Holton arrived, he joked, he started standing as close as possible to the "next vice president." The only thing that gave him pause, he

said, was that Mrs. Holton was not present.

But Butler told those at the annual Botetourt fund raising dinner that Ford is well thought of and his nomination goes a long way toward improving relations between the President and Congress.

Ford is qualified to be the president, Butler said, and his nomination will unite the par-

ty and the country.

The Congressman also said the situation of former Vice President Spiro Agnew was dividing the party and the country and "we can be grateful for the country that he chose to resign."

Butler said he is optimistic about victory at the polls next month for the Republican ticket.

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Rep. Butler

put on panel to iron out bill

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke has been named a member of the House-Senate conference committee to work out differences in legislation streamlining the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

In June, Butler was the GOP floor manager for the House bill, which cuts the organization from 50 members to 11 to develop policy and coordinate programs for the nation's 200th birthday celebration in 1976. The Senate passed its version of the legislation last week.

The 6th District Republican said the legislation was needed because the existing group, established by Congress in 1966, had become embroiled in controversy and squabbling and had been unable to make any progress.

Over 200 Republicans At Benefit Ham Dinner

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More than 200 persons attended the annual fund-raising ham dinner of the Botetourt County Republican Party on Saturday night at Lord Botetourt High School.

The group heard featured speaker Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler praise President Nixon's choice of Representative Gerald Ford as vice-president and relate numerous anecdotes which may indicate a Nixon administration post for Republican Governor Linwood Holton after the January termination of his term at the helm of Virginia's government.

Harold Wingate, the Republican nominee for the Tenth Legislative District seat in the House of Delegates, was especially praised by the group, with many predicting a strong win by Wingate in the district.

Butler urges

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parkway trip

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler suggested to his colleagues today that a trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway would be an appropriate way to enjoy themselves this weekend.

The 6th District Congressman said: "I am pleased to report that on this Saturday at 1:54 p.m. the Blue Ridge Parkway will be at the peak of its autumnal splendor."

He told them the parkway begins at the southern terminus of the Skyline Drive on Afton Mountain and extends over the mountain 469 miles into western North Carolina.

Rep. Butler later said the response to his suggestion was favorable, with many of his colleagues asking for directions.

Virginia Congressmen Stunned By Vice President's Resignation

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By DON HILL

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Virginia's predominantly Republican congressional delegation expressed disbelief Wednesday following Vice President Agnew's resignation.

Three Capitol Hill Virginians mentioned the name of Republican House leader Gerald Ford of Michigan as a possible vice presidential successor.

Virginia Independent Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. was, characteristically, taciturn over the resignation. "Today's development is a distressing

one," he said. "I hope that President Nixon will act quickly to nominate a new vice president."

Virginia Republican Sen. William L. Scott failed to return calls to his office but a Virginia newsperson who encountered him in a Capitol hallway elicited the comment that Scott was "surprised" especially after the vice president's speech in California. Scott said he had believed Agnew to be innocent "because he said he was."

Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Roanoke, expressed compassion for the vice president

and his family and said, "I feel the vice president's resignation, in view of all the rumors floating around, was clearly indicated. He could have fought it out but it was in the national interest to end it. It took some courage on his part to resign, especially without an indictment. I feel very strongly the information leaked to the press was damaging and not in line with my concept of the grand jury process."

Butler noted that Ford's name has been discussed in House corridors. Robert Daniel also mentioned Ford as an appropriate candidate. He

would also consider favorably former Secretary of State William Rogers and California Gov. Ronald Reagan, Daniel said.

A newsperson was in the office of House Clerk W. Pat Jennings Wednesday when word came to Jennings—a native of Marion and former Democratic congressman from the Virginia 9th District—of the resignation. He blanched. "You're kidding. I don't believe it," he told an aide. Later Jennings brushed aside speculation that ex-Texas Gov. John Connally might be President Nixon's choice. "I'll bet it would be Gerry

Ford," Jennings said.

Conservative Democratic Rep. Dan Daniel of Danville, who is backing Republican nominee Mills Godwin for the Virginia governorship, said, "Mr. Agnew's resignation, while not surprising, is disillusioning. His action will cause a further dillution of confidence in our political system, but must not be allowed to reflect unfavorably on other public officials."

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-Virginia Beach, called the resignation, "one of the saddest spectacles in American history." He said, "It seems that our ordeal as

a nation is going to be endless and yet I hope that it is not so."

He declined to speculate on a successor.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-Newport News, reacted angrily to the apparently negotiated plea of the vice president. "As far as his being allowed to plead nolo contendere to a charge of tax evasion is concerned, I feel that he is no more than any other citizen and should have been held for all of the charges rather than being allowed to make a deal on a lesser charge."

Holton to stump for top state GOP candidates

ROANOKE—Gov. Linwood Holton will take to the stump on behalf of the top state Republican candidates at a "Holton-Godwin Victory Rally" on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Also slated to speak at the event, to be at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center, are Gubernatorial Candidate Mills Godwin and State Senator John Dalton, the party's candidate for lieutenant governor.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be master of ceremonies and will be accompanied to Roanoke from Washington by Eighth District Rep. Stanford Paris and Ninth District Rep. William Wampler who also will participate in the activities.

Music will be furnished by a Dixieland band and the event will be open to the public without charge.

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HOLTON, GODWIN COMING TO SALEM

Governor Linwood Holton, former Governor Mills Godwin and Congressman Caldwell Butler will be on hand Tuesday night, Oct. 23 for a "Victory Rally" to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. Butler will serve as master of ceremonies. Other local Republican candidates are also expected to be on hand for what a spokesman described as "the biggest rally in the campaign." The event is free and open to the public.

Godwin and John Dalton, GOP candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will also answer questions from the floor, following the ceremonies.

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The Shenandoah Valley took in some \$30 million in 1972, said Mr. Murdaugh. This involved 820 businesses and 3,564 employees, he added. He also spoke of the large return the state gets for its investment in his office.

Speaking about the services of HUD, Mr. Mason said he could not sell the services of his office since they were essentially "out of business" and operating on a continuing bill. He did say that current legislation before congress offered some changes (See BUSINESSMEN, Page 2)

Businessmen meet

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in that money would be coming directly to the localities.

Mr. Mason warned the businessmen to become more aware of the local money spending priorities. He cited the trend in new municipal buildings and coliseums in cities in spite of needs in housing development, better sewage disposal and other problems.

Speaking about the FHA Mr. Goodling informed the group of the consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972

and the place the FHA had in its implementation.

Three areas seemed to be of major concern: the broadening of water and waste disposal loan programs, the authorization of a new program making grants to facilitate development of private business and to guarantee losses on loans made by private lending instructions for business and commercial purposes.

During the luncheon Weldon W. Tuck, director, Richmond district office, U.S. Department of Commerce, and master of ceremonies for the event spoke of the two major areas of interest in his office.

He told the businessmen that his office works with the statistics of the census and was able to come up with a great deal of information for those interested. He said that his office also deals heavily with exports from the state.

Braxton Green, president of the Staunton-Augusta Chamber of Commerce, opened the meeting with a word of welcome and introduced Rep. Butler.

Festival goes into 2nd day

Officials estimate that 3,000 persons were in Clifton Forge yesterday for the opening of the three-day Fall Foliage Festival.

And one official with the Hunt and Fun Festival, Inc., the organization co-ordinating the event, predicts "we'll have more than 10,000 here today because of the weather."

Haymaker said

Tommy Haymaker, president of the festival group, said "since we shut down last night at 9 o'clock, we have had 10 new flea market booths arrive for the street, plus most of the gun dealers have arrived for the show in the old Grant's building."

In addition to visitors who are streaming into the Alleghany Highlands area from throughout Western Virginia the National Railway Historical Society's excursion train will arrive at the C&O station at 2:30 p.m., with more than 700 railroad buffs who will spend a hour in Clifton Forge.

One of the featured events today is a pigroast for 500. The meal includes barbecued pig, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, coffee and tea. The meal will be served in Smith Creek Park.

Exhibition dance

There will be an exhibition square dance on the parking lot of the First National Bank from 3-5 p.m. and a gospel sing is planned at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Other continuous events include: handcrafts show, art show, gun and coin show, flea market, forest service and Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Division of Forestry and Virginia displays, gristmill, bingo tonight and a street dance at 8 o'clock, and an antique car show.

Church service

Tomorrow morning, 8:45 o'clock, at Memorial Park, there will be a municipal church service.

Attending yesterday's opening of the Festival were 10th District House of Delegates candidates Harold Wingate and William T. Wilson.

Wingate and Howard A. "Pappy" Johnson are back in the city today. Sixth District Congressman Caldwell Butler and Attorney General Andrew Miller are also here today.

Butler Critical Of Leniency For Agnew

By CHET BURGESS

Times Special Writer

LEXINGTON — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said Saturday that former Vice President Spiro Agnew "got off lightly" by resigning from office.

The Republican freshman representative said he at first thought Agnew had resigned because it was in the county's best interest, but Butler said subsequent revelations have shown him that "my judgment had been premature."

Agnew made an arrangement with the Justice Department to plead "no contest" to a charge of income tax evasion. The department in turn agreed not to prosecute Agnew on charges which might result from a Baltimore grand jury investigation into payoff and kickback schemes involving several Maryland contractors.

Butler said that Agnew's resignation was a "pawn" to secure the vice president's freedom. Agnew received a suspended sentence on the tax evasion charge.

Butler made the remarks in an address to the Rockbridge County Farm Bureau meeting in Lexington.

"Agnew has created a credibility gap that politicians, especially conservative politicians, will be a long time overcoming," Butler said. Since the incident occurred under a Republican administration, Butler said Republicans have a "heavy responsibility" to "clean it up."

Butler said "I think it was important for the country that he resign and do it quickly." He added, "I neither condone nor excuse any of the revelations relative to either" Agnew or Watergate. The unfortunate side effects of both scandals has been to "erode further public confidence" in government and its elected officials.

Butler said that election law reform and campaign financing disclosure and reform have assumed top priority in Congress.

It's unfortunate that Gerald Ford, President Nixon's nominee to succeed Agnew, will be subjected to the kind of investigation that will follow, Butler said. "It looks like we're going into it in detail."

Butler is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, which will conduct the House investigation and hearings on Ford's nomination. Butler predicted that the House hearings will begin in early November. I have no idea how long they will last, he said.

Butler termed Ford "extremely well qualified to be vice president of the United States." He said Ford's 25 years of service in the House as a representative from Michigan have given him the experience necessary to assume the office of President, should the need arise.

Butler also talked about the problems farmers are encountering with the fuel shortage. Butler told them that "the priority for the farmer is to be protected," but he was unsure whether the President would veto the mandatory fuel allocation bill which the House passed last week.

Butler assured his audience that Congress is aware of an impending shortage in nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers. He said he has been assured that the problem is a short-term one. He said manufacturers are expanding their production facilities. The problem, he said, is the price freeze on domestic sales of fertilizers. Right now, producers are selling abroad because they can get a better price. Butler said he saw no relief in sight from the Cost of Living Council.

Butler said the President probably will be a "long time" in putting export controls on fertilizer or food products, because of the diplomatic repercussions which would result from such action.

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Cox firing baffles Virginia officials

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Nixon's firing of Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox has left some Virginia congressmen and state officials baffled, but most are shunning the idea of impeachment.

(See national stories on Cox firing on Page 1.)

Even the state's Republican party chairman, Richard Obenshain, said Nixon's actions Saturday "boggles the mind, really."

Obenshain, a strong Nixon supporter, said he backs the President's decision.

"I think that particularly after the quantlet that has been thrown down to him by Mr. Cox, he (Nixon) had very little alternative except to exert his leadership and his superiority in the executive department over a person he had appointed."

The GOP leader said it was too early to determine what effect the firing would have on Nixon's public image, but he said the crisis in Washington would not reach into Virginia's election this year.

Congressmen contacted Sunday ruled out impeachment for the most part.

Rep. G. Williams Whitehurst, R-2nd, reported numerous telephone calls from constituents over the weekend, as did other congressmen, and said they represented a "sharp, sharp decline in the President's credibility."

Whitehurst said he had "most grave feelings" about Nixon's steps and felt distressed about the latest uproar in Washington.

"It's a most unfortunate thing. I wish the compromise

(on the tapes) had been made months ago. I think we could have preinstalled all of this."

But impeachment is out of the picture at the moment, he said.

"I think it's premature to talk about impeachment. I think it would be unwise for me to say what I would do or would not do."

Whitehurst, like most others, said the controversy over the tapes should not be tied to confirmation hearings for Vice President-designate Gerald Ford.

Other congressmen also reacted to possible impeachment.

"I would not think so," said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-6th. "I don't think we've been confronted with that proposal yet. Impeachment is a sort of thing that the House initiates and the Senate tries. At this state, no one has presented us with anything."

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As for impeachment, Downing said movement in that direction should be taken with caution.

"Immediate action, however, must be tempered with sound judgement before a decision is made," he said. "This is a most serious problem and any such action on the part of the Congress must be carefully considered."

Downing was at home in Newport News when his friends and constituents began calling to express concern.

For the most part, a Downing aide said, the callers were "gravely concerned about the President's latest shakeup in Washington."

"It appears that the time may be at hand for the Congress to take some degree of positive action in order to restore the faith of the American people in our government," Downing said.

Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, D-5th, said from his home in Danville:

"The firing of an appointee is not an impeachable offense. The constitution defines such offenses as treason, high crime, and misdemeanor. This falls in none of these categories."

Rep. Robert Daniel, R-4th, was in Wyoming and not available for comment.

Rep. David E. Satterfield III, D-3rd, said the situation "poses a very grave situation for our country" but said he wasn't ready to make an official statement until he knew all the facts.

Satterfield said he thought the Congress should concentrate on the nomination of Gerald Ford, R-Mich., as a successor to resigned Vice President Spiro Agnew and then "cross the other bridges as we get to them."

"I recognize that it only

takes one man to put an impeachment paper in," he said, "but what kind of reaction it would get in the Judiciary Committee or on the floor of the House remains to be seen."

Joseph Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Virginia State Democratic Party, took the occasion to remind people that Mills E. Godwin Jr., the GOP candidate for governor, was a strong supporter of the Republican ticket last year.

"Godwin told the people of Virginia how great Richard Nixon and how great Spiro Agnew were, and yet he cannot see his way clear at this point to have Nixon come into Virginia and campaign for him...on November 6, I think people will express themselves and retire Godwin from politics," Fitzpatrick said in an interview on Richmond radio station WRNL.

Area Congressmen Report Reaction to Firing of Cox

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By Helen Dewar
and Herbert H. Denton
Washington Post Staff Writers

Most Washington-area senators and congressmen, besieged by angry phone calls and telegrams from constituents protesting President Nixon's firing of Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox, expressed anguish yesterday about the incident but were divided over what Congress should do next.

Sen. Charles Mc C. Mathias (R-Md.) said his constituents were "more agitated now than I've ever seen them."

When the son of Rep. Goodloe Byron (D-Md.) went outside to the doorstep of their Frederick, Md., home yesterday morning to pick up a newspaper, someone had already penciled under headlines: "Don't you think this is enough for impeachment?"

Rep. Parren Mitchell said he would introduce an impeachment resolution when Congress reconvenes on Tuesday.

"I think we do have the embryonic stages of a dictatorship, but if we take the appropriate action this will not prove true," Mitchell said.

Sen. William L. Scott (R-Va.), one of the few who reported little reaction from his constituents to the fir-



SEN. WILLIAM L. SCOTT
... defends Nixon

ing, defended Mr. Nixon's action.

"Reasonable people can disagree as to whether this was the right thing to do, but the President was 100 per cent within his rights ... I don't see any basis whatever for impeachment at this point," Scott said.

Reaction of many area congressmen and senators fell somewhere between the views of Mitchell and Scott.

"I would be very reluctant to vote for impeachment based on what I've heard so far, but my mind is open," Rep. William Wampler (R-Va.) of Bristol.

Wampler said he believed

President Nixon had achieved "very reasonable compromise" on release of the Watergate tapes before the showdown with Cox.

"It looked like he was trying to avoid a constitutional crisis. But it seems it may have brought on something worse," Wampler said.

Rep. Joel T. Broyhill (R-Va.) of Arlington said he believed the President had "no other choice" but to fire Cox and said any impeachment proceedings would fail because they were being pushed by "only the most bitter, extreme anti-Nixon partisans ... who are not the most effective members of Congress."

Broyhill said he staunchly supported the President's position.

Saying he was "deeply troubled," Rep. Thomas N. Downing (D-Va.) of Newport News asserted, "It appears the time may be at hand for the Congress to take some degree of positive action in order to restore the faith of the American people in their government."

Downing said that impeachment "cannot be ruled out" but stressed that "immediate reaction must be tempered with sound judgment."

District of Columbia Del. Walter E. Fauntroy, a Democrat, said he senses a mood for impeachment but does



SEN. CHARLES MATHIAS
... constituents agitated

not plan to introduce an impeachment resolution because "I don't think my services will be needed. I think there will be a rush among senior Congressman to institute these proceedings now." Fauntroy may not vote but can introduce bills and resolutions.

Among Republicans in Virginia, there was an initial reaction to oppose impeachment but few of the GOP congressman ruled out the possibility if more damaging evidence was turned up in the future.

Accusing Cox of having "gotten carried away with his power," Rep. M. Caldwell

Butler (R-Va.) said he does not see sufficient evidence now to indicate impeachment proceedings. He said, however, he would review any evidence put forth by impeachment advocates. At present, said Butler, he would not favor impeachment.

Taking basically the same tack, Rep. Marjorie Holt (R-Md.), representing Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, said she wants to "investigate all of the alternatives—let's see what we are dealing with."

She said she was "disturbed" by the Cox resignation and had hoped, until it happened, that "we were moving in an very orderly way to know everything that happened."

Mrs. Holt said she has gotten telephone calls from about 10 persons since Saturday night, all of them expressing anxiety over the situation, but only one calling for impeachment.

Another Maryland congressman, Democrat Paul Sarbanes of Baltimore, issued a statement calling the President's action an "arrogant abuse of executive power" and saying; "This country does not function under one man's rule." One of Sarbanes's aides said the congressman received many calls strongly against the President's actions.



SEN. J. GLENN BEALL
... "partisan politics"

"I think there's a lot of partisan politics in this," Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R-Md.) said of impeachment talk. "I think a lot of people are playing politics, looking for some political game out of it."

"I don't deny the President the right to pick and choose the members of the executive branch. If he wanted to remove Cox that's his business."

"I, of course, was shocked when Elliot Richardson resigned. I hope that although he's lost to the Attorney General (position), I hope that he's not lost to the

(Nixon) administration," Beall said.

However, Mathias said, "The President's action falls far short of the requirements of the case. His proposals deal only with the Watergate break-in whereas the special prosecutor's responsibilities dealt with ITT, the whole fourth Amendment question and other aspects of the case."

"It's critical something be worked out . . . We can't abandon the pursuit of truth in the Watergate case . . . If there were anything more destructive of law and order in this country I can't think of it."

Rep. Robert Bauman (R-Md.) of the Eastern Shore was critical of Cox for taking his case before television audiences and said he strongly disagrees with those who advocate impeachment. "I am not going to be any part of a mob to lynch Richard Nixon," he said, but added that he foresees the possibility of the House "at least investigating, looking to the possibility of impeachment."

There were no immediate reactions from other Maryland and Virginia congressmen.

In the Virginia gubernatorial race, there was disagreement over whether the latest Watergate-related con-



REP. PARREN MITCHELL
... favors impeachment

troversy would hurt Republican Mills E. Godwin's chances of defeating Independent Lt. Gov. Henry E. Howell. GOP State Chairman Richard D. Obenshain said, "We've withstood a lot so far and I think we'll withstand this." Democratic State Chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick indicated the controversy might hurt Godwin but added: "It's in the hands of Congress and far be it from me to suggest what our congressman might do."

There was no immediate comment from Godwin or Howell.

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Politicians attend Festival



TURNOUT FOR PIGROAST—C. P. Nair Jr., with back to camera, talks with politicians during the “people-pleezin” pigroast Saturday in Smith Creek Park. Shown left to right are: William T. Wilson, candidate for the 10th District House of Delegates seat; Attorney General Andrew Miller, seeking reelection; Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler. (Review Staff Photo)

State Solons React To Cox' Dismissal

RICHMOND (AP)—Virginia congressmen contacted for comment after the dismissal of Archibald Cox over the weekend say they don't think impeachment is imminent.

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Downing said he was at home in Newport News Saturday night when he heard the news. Only minutes later friends and constituents began calling his home to express concern.

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"I regard it (the situation) with most grave feelings. I'm distressed by it," said Whitehurst, who added:

"It's a most unfortunate thing. I wish the compromise (on the tapes) had been made months ago. I think we could have forestalled all of this."

Whitehurst, a former history professor, said "now, we are into a situation which has constitutional ramifications and that's bad.

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CONGRESSMAN GREETES FORD—Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler is shown above talking with Congressman Gerald Ford, following the announcement that Ford had been nominated by Pres. Nixon for the vice presidential post.

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Virginians relieved about Nixon on tapes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia's governor and members of the congressional delegation seemed relieved when President Nixon agreed to turn over the controversial White House tapes to a federal judge.

Republican Gov. Linwood Holton, in Salem Tuesday night, said, "I think the President has done the right thing."

"The mood of the country will be one of relief that the information on the tapes is going to be revealed."

Holton said he knew the President had adhered to a very strong constitutional belief and had acted in good faith in guarding the tapes.

The release of the tapes, he said, "should remove the last remaining element that has caused such a serious problem of public relations and credibility."

The governor added that he thought the latest developments would have little effect on statewide races in Virginia.

"I have confidence in the basic fairness of Virginians," he said, adding that he thought the candidates would be assessed by the voters on the basis of their own merits.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., an independent, said he thought the President "acted wisely" Tuesday and that "many of the problems would have been avoided had they (the tapes) been released" months ago.

Republican Sen. William L. Scott said Nixon "made the right decision...This should take the heat off any suggestion of impeachment."

None of Virginia's congressmen had appeared happy at the prospect of possible impeachment action against the President.

"I am delighted," said 1st District Rep. Thomas N. Downing, a Democrat. "I feel sure the pressure was overwhelming..."

"If he's got no worries about the tapes, there's no reason for him not to turn them over...I think he's averted a constitutional crisis by his move."

Republican Rep. Robert Daniel of the 4th District said he was "relieved," and 3rd District Democratic Rep. David

Satterfield III said he was "pleased to hear" that Nixon had decided to turn the tapes over to U. S. District Court Judge John Sirica.

"I think the pro-impeachment forces now have the winds knocked out of their sails," said Daniel.

Second District Republican Rep. G. William Whitehurst called it "the most off-again, on-again situation I've ever seen in my life..."

"I'm relieved that it diminishes the chances of impeachment," Whitehurst said, "but doesn't it make all of the anguish and grief we've gone through seem superfluous?"

He added that he hoped, "the confidentiality of the tapes — the part that doesn't relate to Watergate — will be respected."

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, 6th District Republican, said he was "very pleased."

"My reaction...is very favorable," Butler said. "I believe it will go along way toward calming the emotional atmosphere that has developed as a result of those events last week."

And a spokesman for 8th District Republican Rep. Stanford E. Parris said Parris felt Nixon's action Tuesday "solves the problem."

Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, D-

5th, declined any definitive comment.

"I question whether I should comment because I could be called to sit in judgment on this question," Daniel said.

Holton Has High Praise for Godwin

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next day flying in an unpressurized light airplane to Norfolk.

Godwin's speech, in which he attacked Lt. Gov. Henry E. Howell's financial contributions from labor unions, was read for him by Rep. Stanford E. Parris of the 8th District, one of the architects of the GOP leadership campaign earlier this year to bring Godwin, a former conservative Democrat, into the GOP fold.

"We welcome those who come from positions of leadership in the other party," Holton said at one point in his unity speech.

He also asked Virginians to give Godwin the support of the other members of the GOP's state ticket—State Sen. John Dalton for lieutenant governor and W. Patton Echols for attorney general.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th, who used to practice law with Holton in Roanoke, was master of ceremonies.

He recognized the differences which once divided the GOP and Godwin when he was a leading voice in the once conservative Democratic party, but declared:

"Our past differences are no longer relevant in our determination to put Virginia's future first."

Participants in the program included State GOP Chairman Richard D. Obenshain, Rep. William C. Wampler of the 9th District and William B. Poff, 6th District GOP chairman, along with Godwin's running mates—Dalton and Echols.

Godwin in his speech said "big labor bosses" are backing Howell because with him as governor they would have "a four-year lease on Virginia's statehouse."

Why else, Godwin asked, would organize labor put \$300,000 in campaign contributions into Howell's drive for the governorship with the backing of the AFL-CIO?

"In the General Assembly my liberal opponent has always pleased the labor czars; he has been prounion, antibusiness, and nothing in his record belies this," Godwin claimed.

With Howell as governor, Godwin went on, labor leaders will be able to dictate who is appointed to influential posts in the state government ranging from the director of the budget to the commissioner of labor and industry. He said Howell would be their "pawn."

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"What these union czars and my opponent are attempting with their expensive TV blitz is to make Virginians forget that during the Godwin and Holton administrations more than 120,000 new jobs were created due to our attractive right-to-work business environment," he said.

Before Gov. Holton, Godwin and the GOP dignitaries filed into the room to take their seats at a long speaker's table the lights were turned off and a five-minute Godwin campaign film to be used on TV was shown.

One sequence showed Godwin and U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. walking down a path talking about stability in government. They were deskmates in the State Senate. Godwin reached the governorship in 1966 through the conservative Democratic organization built over the years by Byrd's father.



Congressman Stan Parris Delivers Speech by Godwin (right)

Laryngitis-Limited Candidate at Salem Rally Given Support by Gov. Holton (center)

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Holton Lauds Godwin

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Gov. Linwood Holton Tuesday night urged a hometown audience to elect ex-Gov. Mills E. Godwin governor and give him a GOP ticket. Godwin, unable to make his own speech because of an attack of laryngitis, listened as Holton spoke.

A rally at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center billed as a "Victory for Virginia" celebration drew 300 top GOP officials and party supporters.

Holton, speaking in a low key and deliberate manner, apparently was attempting to put to rest rumors in political circles that he is lukewarm to Godwin—the man who beat him in 1965 in his first try for the governorship.

He had high praise for Godwin's four years in office and let the public in on a family secret — which he said was

known only to his him and, wife Jinks—that in '65 he never thought he had a chance of winning; that he ran to prepare the way for his winning campaign four years later.

And, he confessed, Godwin's record was so outstanding that if he had run for re-election in 1969 he would have won easily. The state constitution prohibits a governor from succeeding himself.

Godwin's voice was reduced to a hoarse whisper by the attack of laryngitis after two speeches earlier in the day. A member of his staff said it is too early to tell how much, if any, of his campaign schedule will have to be changed.

Godwin caught a cold last Thursday while campaigning in the Harrisonburg area and he picked up an ear ache the

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